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CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN
A.K.A. ROCK

DR. LIGHT
BENEVOLENT INVENTOR

DR. WILY
VILLAINOUS WOULD-BE CONQUEROR

QUICK MAN
SUPER-FAST ROBOT MASTER

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what purpose is there for a
super fighting robot...?

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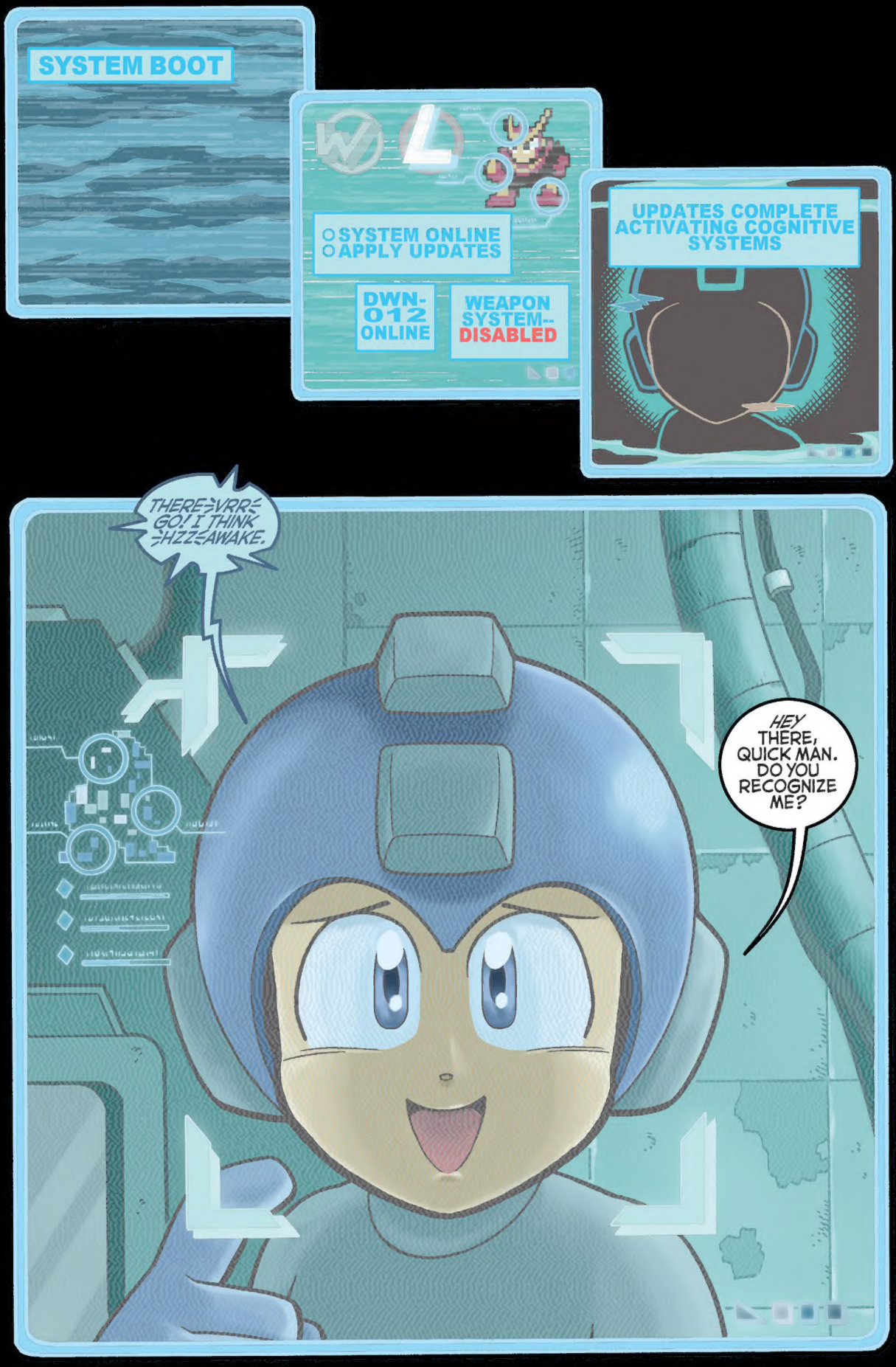
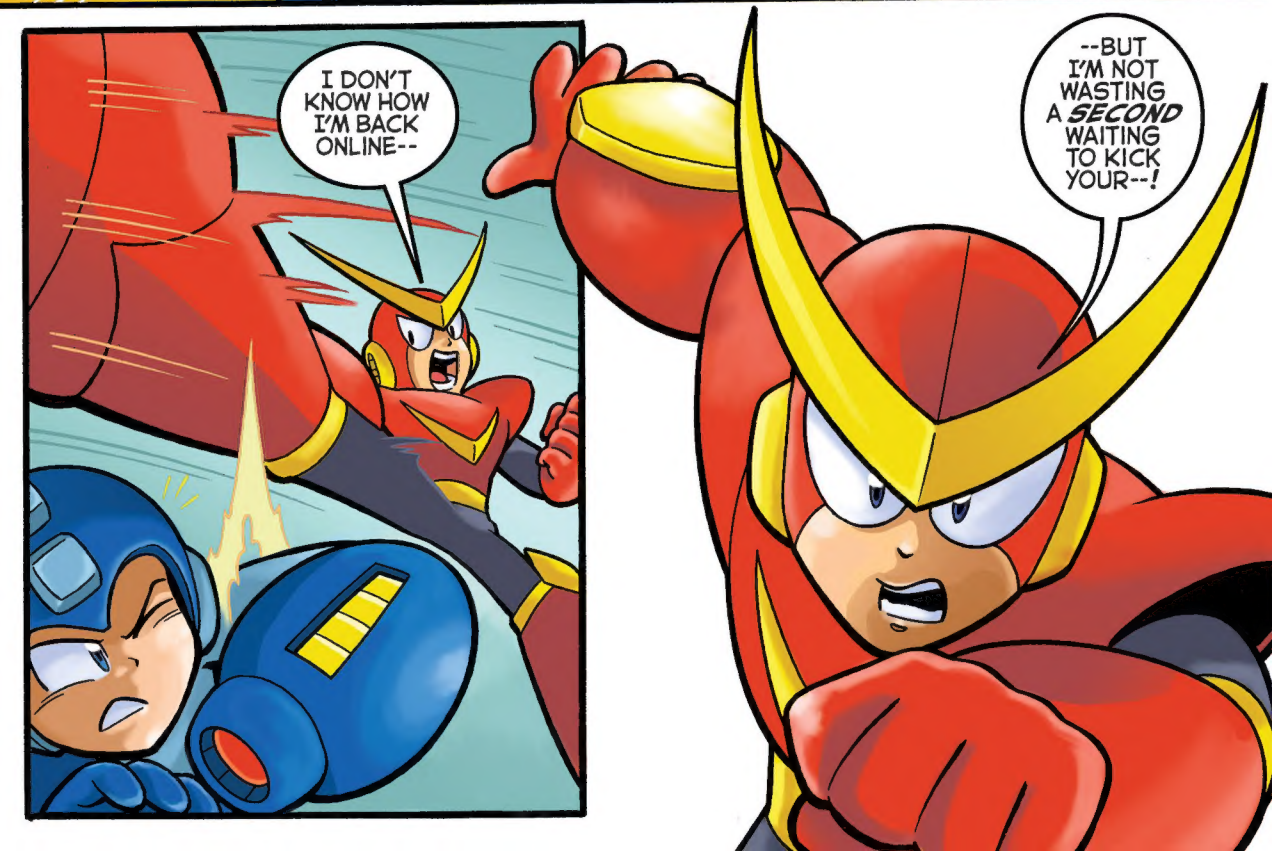
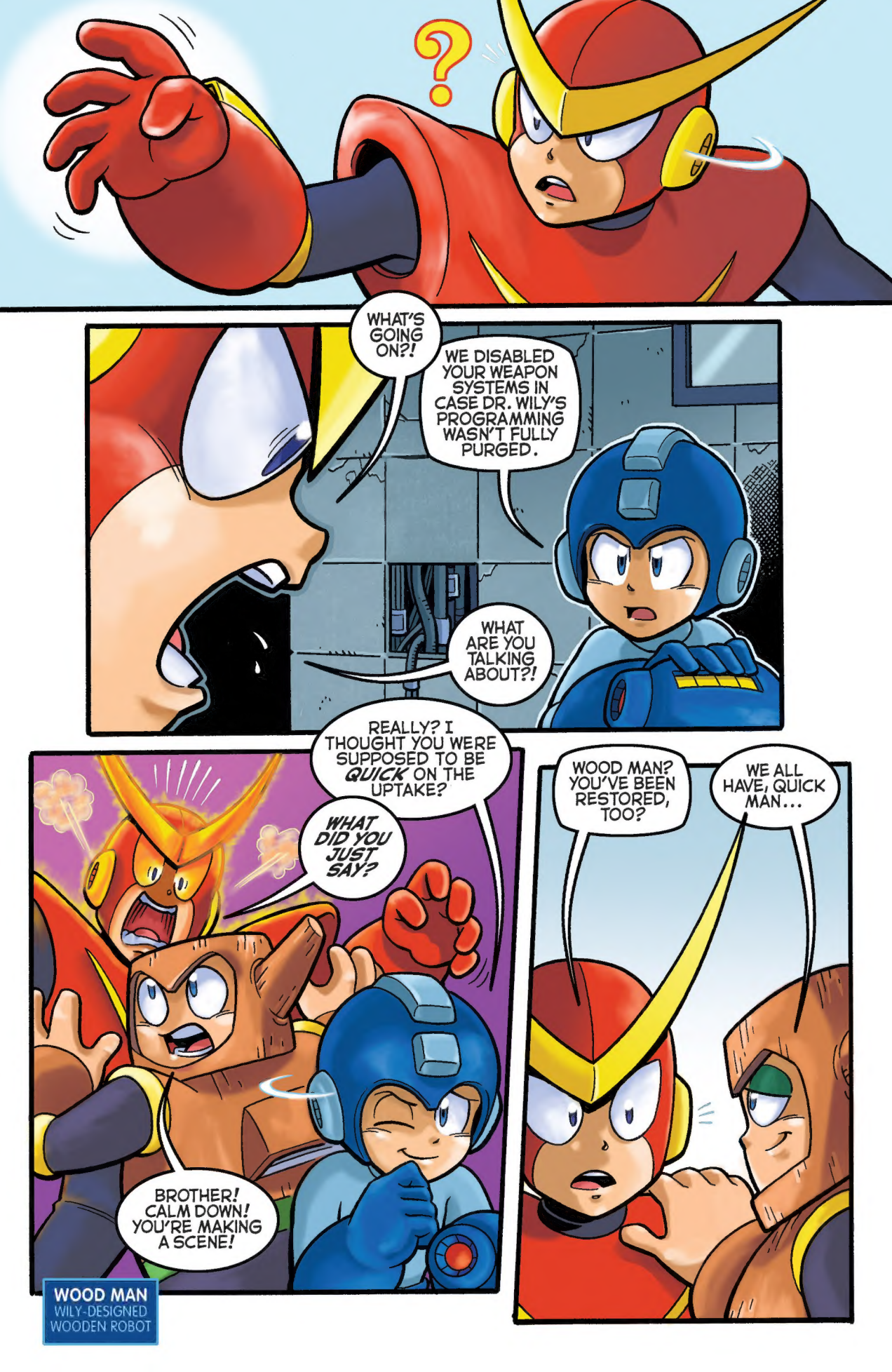

SYSTEM BOOT
SYSTEM ONLINE
APPLY UPDATES
DWN-012 ONLINE
WEAPON SYSTEM-- DISABLED
UPDATES COMPLETE ACTIVATING COGNITIVE SYSTEMS
THERE>VRR< GO! I THINK >HZZ<AWAKE.
HEY THERE, QUICK MAN. DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

PATRONIZING LITTLE PUNK!
WHOA!
MEGA MAN
LIGHT-DESIGNED HELPER ROBOT-TURNED-WARRIOR
AUTO
ROBO-MECHANIC
QUICK MAN
WILY-DESIGNED SPEEDSTER


I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M BACK ONLINE--
--BUT I'M NOT WASTING A *SECOND* WAITING TO KICK YOUR--!


?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WE DISABLED YOUR WEAPON SYSTEMS IN CASE DR. WILY'S PROGRAMMING WASN'T FULLY PURGED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
REALLY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE QUICK ON THE UPTAKE?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
BROTHER! CALM DOWN! YOU'RE MAKING A SCENE!
WOOD MAN? YOU'VE BEEN RESTORED, TOO?
WE ALL HAVE, QUICK MAN...
WOOD MAN
WILY-DESIGNED WOODEN ROBOT

PRISONERS of WAP

CRASH MAN
WILY-DESIGNED DEMOLITIONS ROBOT

SPARK MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED DYNAMO ROBOT

DR. LIGHT
INVENTOR

...WE ALL ARE.

SHADOW MAN
WILY-RESTORED ALIEN ROBOT

NEEDLE MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED MINING ROBOT

SNAKE MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED SURVEYING ROBOT

HARD MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED LAND-LEVELER

BUBBLE MAN
WILY-DESIGNED AMPHIBIOUS ROBOT

AIR MAN
WILY-DESIGNED AIR-MANIPULATOR

GEMINI MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED HOLOGRAM-MANIPULATOR

ROLL
LIGHT-DESIGNED HELPER ROBOT

HEAT MAN
WILY-DESIGNED INFERNO ROBOT

METAL MAN
WILY-DESIGNED CUTTING ROBOT

FLASH MAN
WILY-DESIGNED TIME-MANIPULATOR

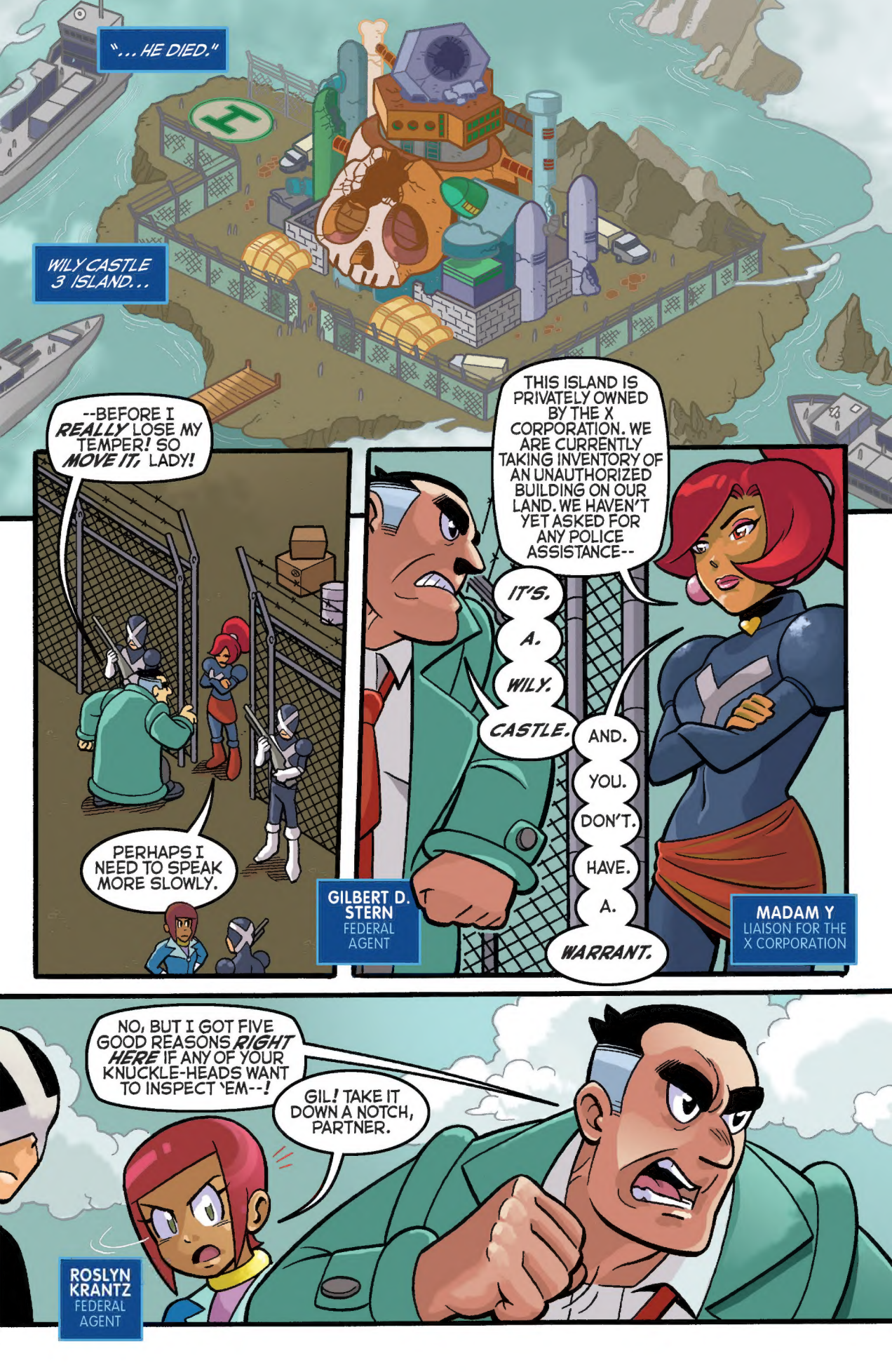
MAGNET MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED MAGNETIC ROBOT

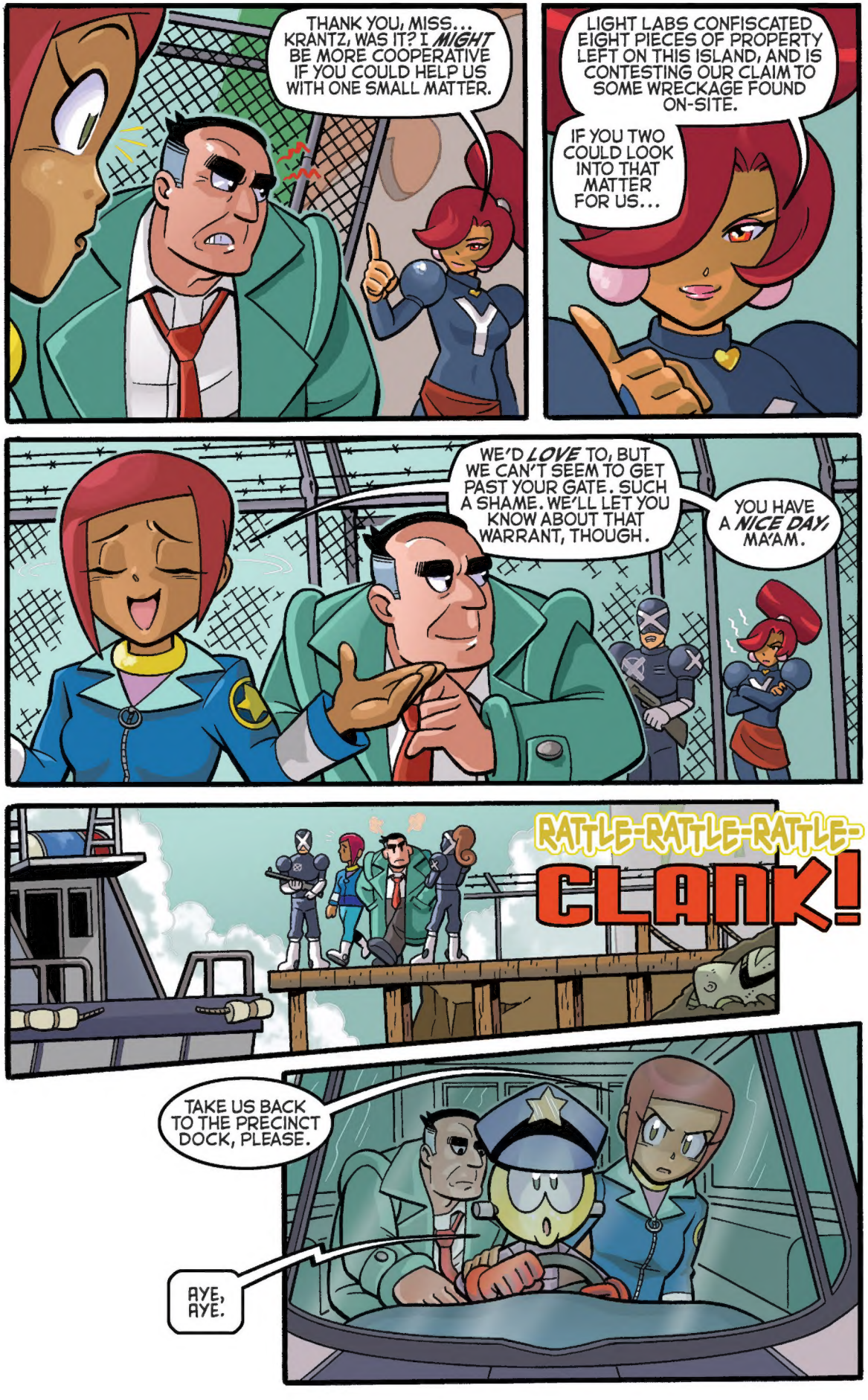
RUSH
LIGHT-DESIGNED ROBO-DOG

TOP MAN
WILY/LIGHT-DESIGNED SCOUTING ROBOT

I...DON'T...HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
I MADE A POINT OF PRESERVING YOUR I.C. CHIPS.* AFTER THAT, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF REPAIRING THE BATTLE DAMAGE...
...AND BRINGING YOU BACK ONLINE.
*STORES A ROBOT MASTER'S UNIQUE PERSONALITY.
SPEAKING OF THE DAMAGE... SORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU GUYS DIDN'T LEAVE ME MUCH OF A CHOICE.
OF COURSE NOT! WE'RE YOUR ENEMIES! WE'RE THE BAD GUYS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT, MR. BIG-SHOT HERO!
NOT NECESSARILY. ROBOTS ARE NEITHER GOOD NOR EVIL. THEY DO WHAT THEIR OPERATORS PROGRAM THEM TO DO.
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT YOU ALL HAD TO BE DESTROYED JUST BECAUSE DR. WILY WAS A JERK.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE REBUILDING AND RE-PROGRAMMING YOU-- TO GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE!
A CHANCE TO SERVE A BETTER FUNCTION!
RE-PROGRAMMED ...?

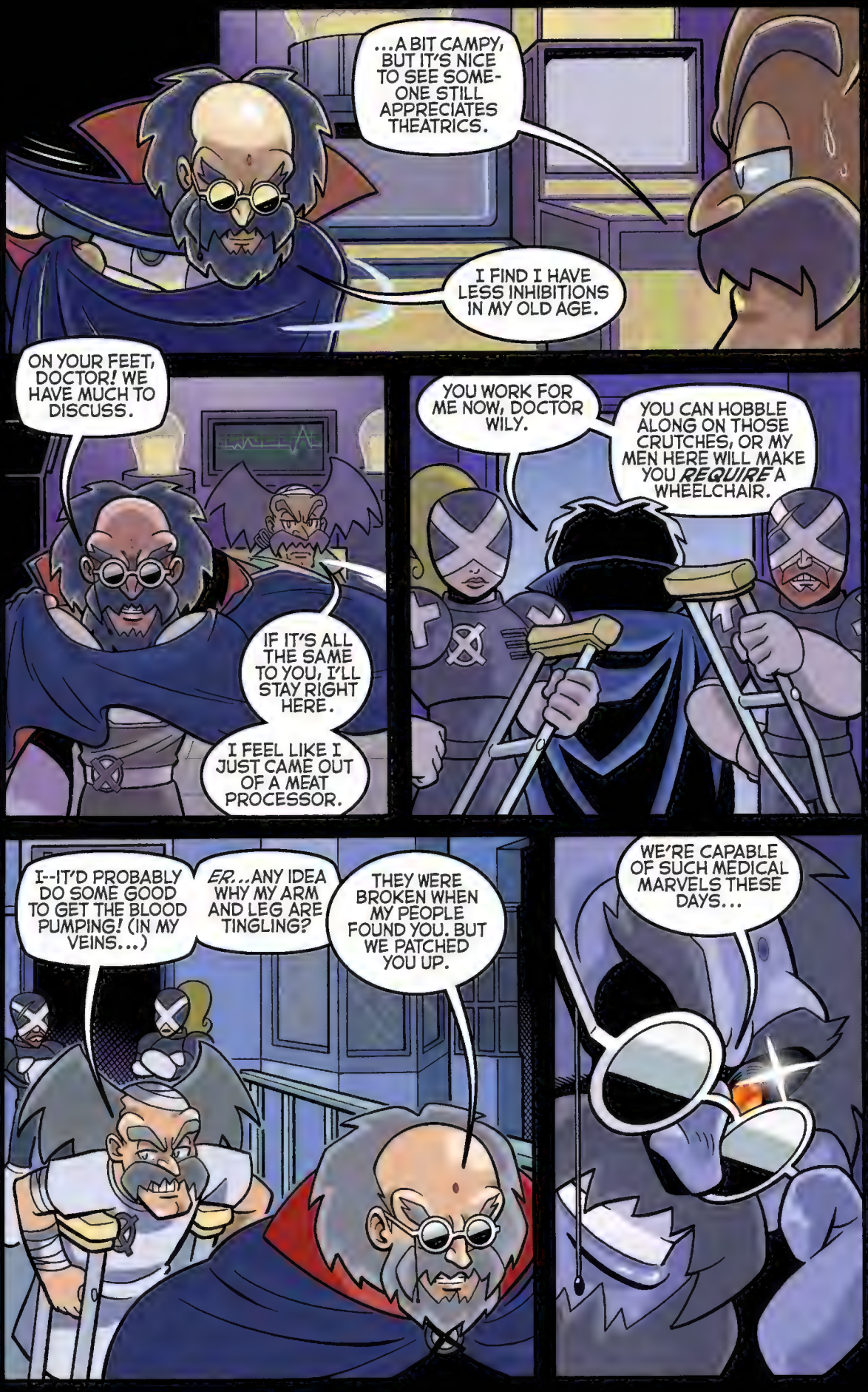
IF WE'RE ALL KUMBAYA-BUDDY-BUDDY NOW, HOW COME YOU'RE ALL ARMED AND ARMORED?
BECAUSE DR. WILY WEAPONIZED YOU ALL. WE THINK WE DISARMED YOU, BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.
OR DID YOU FORGET YOU KICKED ME, LIKE, THIRTY SECONDS AGO?
AND YOU SHOT A HOLE THROUGH MY CHEST.
CRY ME A RIVER, MEGA BABY.
SERIOUSLY, THO'...WHERE IS DOCTOR WILY?
HE...
THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT...HIS CASTLE CAME CRASHING DOWN.
I WAS TOO DAMAGED TO MOVE, AND HE...


"... HE DIED."
WILY CASTLE 3 ISLAND...
--BEFORE I REALLY LOSE MY TEMPER! SO MOVE IT, LADY!
PERHAPS I NEED TO SPEAK MORE SLOWLY.
THIS ISLAND IS PRIVATELY OWNED BY THE X CORPORATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING INVENTORY OF AN UNAUTHORIZED BUILDING ON OUR LAND. WE HAVEN'T YET ASKED FOR ANY POLICE ASSISTANCE--
IT'S. A. WILY. CASTLE.
AND. YOU. DON'T. HAVE. A. WARRANT.
GILBERT D. STERN FEDERAL AGENT
MADAM Y LIAISON FOR THE X CORPORATION
NO, BUT I GOT FIVE GOOD REASONS RIGHT HERE IF ANY OF YOUR KNUCKLE-HEADS WANT TO INSPECT 'EM--!
GIL! TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH, PARTNER.
ROSLYN KRANTZ FEDERAL AGENT


THANK YOU, MISS... KRANTZ, WAS IT? I MIGHT BE MORE COOPERATIVE IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH ONE SMALL MATTER.
LIGHT LABS CONFISCATED EIGHT PIECES OF PROPERTY LEFT ON THIS ISLAND, AND IS CONTESTING OUR CLAIM TO SOME WRECKAGE FOUND ON-SITE.
IF YOU TWO COULD LOOK INTO THAT MATTER FOR US...
WE'D LOVE TO, BUT WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET PAST YOUR GATE. SUCH A SHAME. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT WARRANT, THOUGH.
YOU HAVE A NICE DAY, MA'AM.
RATTLE-RATTLE-RATTLE-
CLANK!
TAKE US BACK TO THE PRECINCT DOCK, PLEASE.
AYE, AYE.

BRRRR! THOSE CORPORATE MOOKS WERE CREEPY!
YEAH. SEEN 'EM A DOZEN TIMES ACROSS MY CAREER. HIT THE SAME WALL WITH 'EM EVERY TIME...
...BUT IT DOESN'T EXCUSE ME FLYING OFF THE HANDLE. THANKS FOR WATCHING MY BACK, ROSIE.
SAVE IT. I'M THE ONE THAT OWES YOU AN APOLOGY.
HOWZAT?
I THOUGHT EVERYONE IN THE OFFICE WAS RIGHT. THAT YOU WERE CHASING GHOSTS AND CONSPIRACIES.
BUT THAT WASN'T "SECURITY" BACK THERE --THAT WAS A PRIVATE MILITARY. AND THEY'RE COVERING UP FOR DOCTOR WILY. THE "X CORPORATION" SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME...
YEAH, WELL, KEEP A LID ON IT FOR NOW. THIS COVER-UP IS SLOPPY FOR THEM. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY SLIP UP. BESIDES...

"...ANYTHING OF VALUE THERE HAS PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN SQUIRRELED AWAY."
SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY...
NNGH ...WH-WHERE AM I...?
DR. WILY LOOKING GOOD FOR A CORPSE
YOU'RE AWAKE. RIGHT ON TIME.
WHO ARE --?!
D-DO I KNOW YOU...?
NO.
BUT I'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOU FOR LONGER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
YOU MAY CALL ME-- MR. X!*
*SEEM FAMILIAR? SEE MM#38...


...A BIT CAMPY, BUT IT'S NICE TO SEE SOMEONE STILL APPRECIATES THEATRICS.
I FIND I HAVE LESS INHIBITIONS IN MY OLD AGE.
ON YOUR FEET, DOCTOR! WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE.
I FEEL LIKE I JUST CAME OUT OF A MEAT PROCESSOR.
YOU WORK FOR ME NOW, DOCTOR WILY.
YOU CAN HOBBLE ALONG ON THOSE CRUTCHES, OR MY MEN HERE WILL MAKE YOU *REQUIRE* A WHEELCHAIR.
I--IT'D PROBABLY DO SOME GOOD TO GET THE BLOOD PUMPING! (IN MY VEINS...)
ER...ANY IDEA WHY MY ARM AND LEG ARE TINGLING?
THEY WERE BROKEN WHEN MY PEOPLE FOUND YOU. BUT WE PATCHED YOU UP.
WE'RE CAPABLE OF SUCH MEDICAL MARVELS THESE DAYS...

WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY SHOWN OFF YOUR HEALTHCARE PROGRAM. WHAT EXACTLY AM I DOING FOR YOU...ER... BOSS?
YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.
WH-WHAT?!
IN MY YOUTH, I THOUGHT I COULD STOP THE ROBOTIC MENACE BY OPENLY FIGHTING IT. I WAS SURE HUMANITY WOULD RALLY TO MY HEROIC CALL-TO-ARMS.
BUT I'VE *SEEN* THE FUTURE, DR. WILY. HUMANITY EMBRACES THE SYNTHETIC WAY OF LIFE, AND IT LEADS TO ...SUCH HORRORS.
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK. YOUR SELFISH, VIOLENT AMBITIONS WILL SHOCK THE WORLD INTO ACTION.
IF I CANNOT *TELL* THEM OF THE THREAT TO COME, I WILL *SHOW* THEM THROUGH THEIR OWN SUFFERING.
THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND NOW SUCH "FLATTERY." YOU'RE SUCH THE CHARMING EMPLOYER.
NO FLATTERY, DOCTOR. YOU'RE A MONSTER, AND I NEED TO UNLEASH YOU ON THE WORLD.
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, YOU NEED TO BE *WELL STOCKED.*
IT'S TIME, DR. WILY.

"TIME TO BUILD MORE ROBOT MASTERS."
YOU CAN ACT NICE ALL YOU WANT, BUT NO AMOUNT OF REPROGRAMMING WILL CHANGE MY LOYALTY TO DR. WILY!
ACTUALLY, IT'S LIKE FLIPPING A SWITCH. BUT JUST THINK--YOU COULD BE A VALUABLE ECO-SYSTEM MANAGER!
IS...IS THAT A RESPECTED POSITION?
YOU'RE AMPHIBIOUS! YOU'D BE CRUCIAL!
SOLD!
I COULD OVERSEE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ARRAY.*
USE MY COMMAND OF THE AIR CURRENTS TO BE AN UNPARALLELED FORECASTER.
*DESTROYED IN MEGA MAN VOL. 3.
THEY COULD USE MY ADVANCED TIME CIRCUITS AT THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE. THEY'VE GOT TO BE SUFFERING WITH MEASLY TIME MAN IN THEIR EMPLOY.
I HAD A HAND IN DESIGNING EIGHT OF YOU, BEFORE ALBERT STOLE THE BLUEPRINTS. YOU HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL FUNCTION BUILT INTO YOU.
HONEST WORK FROM AN HONEST FUNCTION...
...EVEN ME?
AHH! AH-HA-HA! YES, SNAKE-MAN. I HAD YOU BUILT FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYING.
INTRIGUING.

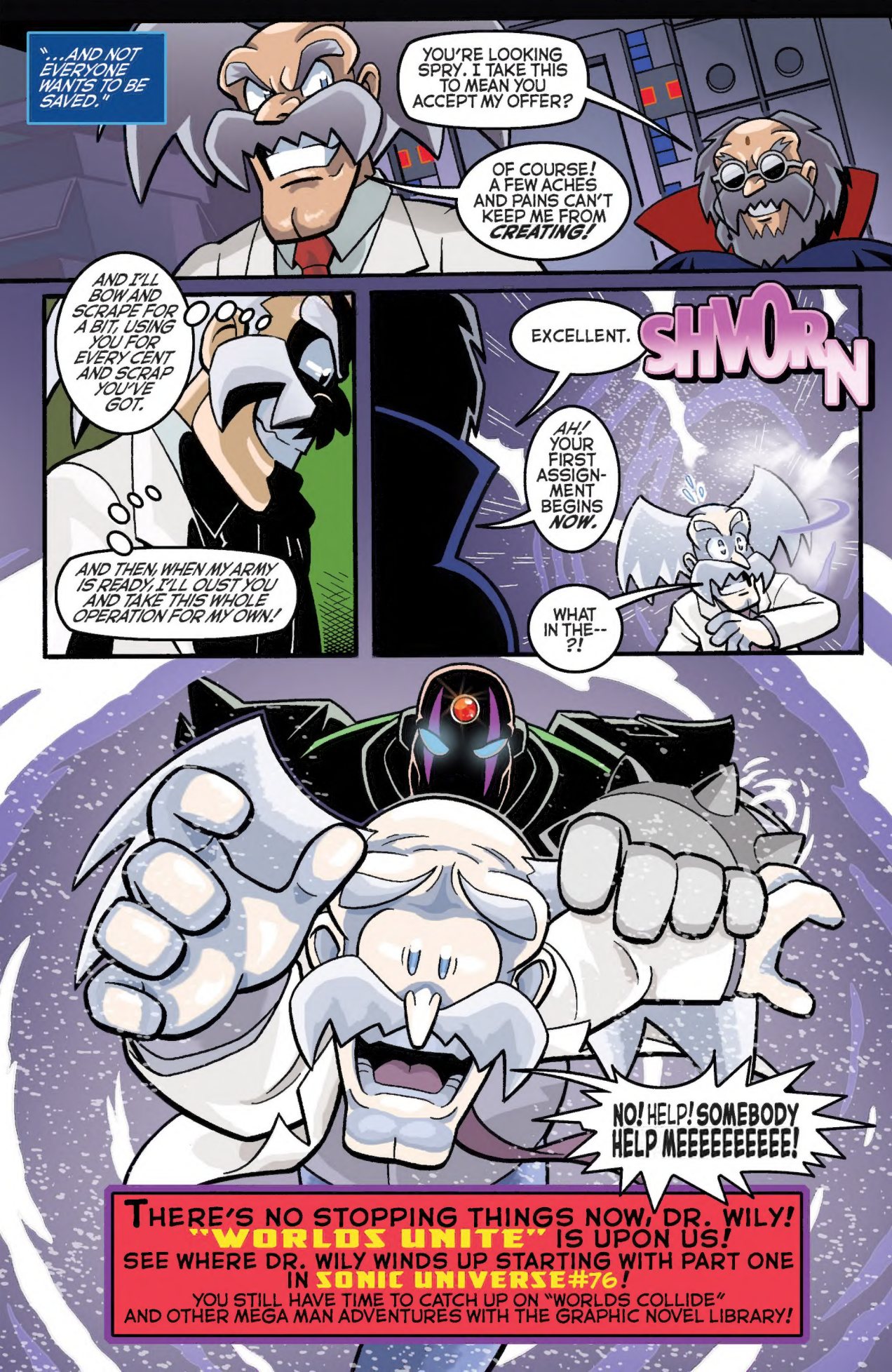
HAHA! THIS IS GREAT! THE FIGHTING IS OVER, WE'RE RE-BUILDING, AND YOU ALL CAN MOVE ON WITH YOUR LIVES!
NO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO"? THEY'RE GIVING US A NEW FUNCTION SO WE CAN...
DO WHAT? I WAS BUILT TO DESTROY. TO BE FAST ENOUGH AND QUICK ON THE DRAW TO TAKE DOWN DR. LIGHT'S GOLDEN BOY.
WHAT PRACTICAL USE DOES THAT HAVE? "EXPRESS COURIER"? YOU WANT A WEAPON LIKE ME TO BECOME "MAIL MAN"?
THAT'S NOT HAPPENING!
W-WAIT! ONCE YOU'RE REPROGRAMMED, YOU WON'T MIND!
THEN YOU'RE GETTING RID OF WHAT'S ME! IF YOU'RE GOING THAT FAR, JUST BLOW ME UP AGAIN!
OR ARE YOU SAYING YOU WERE FINE WITH WILY CHANGING YOUR CODING?!*
N-NO, BUT...

...BUT...CRASH MAN! YOU'RE FROM HIS LINE! TELL HIM THIS IS A GOOD IDEA!
IT IS--FOR SOME OF YOU. BUT WHAT DO I DO? BLOW STUFF UP AND WAIT FOR EVERY-ONE TO HANDLE EVERY-THING ELSE FOR ME?
NO, THANKS.
NO! WE JUST GOT REUNITED!
HE'S RIGHT, KID. WE APPRECIATE THE SENTIMENT...
...BUT WHEN YOU'RE BUILT FOR BATTLE, BECOMING A LUMBERJACK ROBOT DOESN'T HOLD ANY APPEAL.
SOME OF US ARE TOO EXPERIMENTAL TO HAVE ANY PRACTICAL USE.
OR WE'RE *TOO* SPECIALIZED.

DOCTOR LIGHT! Y-YOU'VE GOT TO TELL THEM! MAYBE THEN THEY'LL...
GENTLEMEN, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RECONSTRUCTION CAME WITH A PROVISO.
IF YOU CANNOT SERVE A PRACTICAL PURPOSE, BY FEDERAL LAW YOU MUST BE DECOMMISSIONED.
FINE BY ME. I'D RATHER GO OFFLINE WITH DIGNITY.
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!
I CAN, AND I DO.
IF WE RESIST, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE US DOWN. YOU ALREADY TOOK OUR WEAPONS, SO IT'D BE A SLAUGHTER. IF WE GET REPROGRAMMED, WE STOP BEING US.
BEING DE-COMMISSIONED SOUNDS LIKE THE BEST OPTION TO ME.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHADOW MAN?
...NO. I THINK I'LL STICK AROUND.
HEH. GOTCHA.

I'M GLAD SO MANY OF YOU CAN FIND A NEW FUNCTION, BROTHERS. BUT AS FOR US--SHUT US DOWN.
NO! I FOUGHT SO HARD TO KEEP YOU ALL INTACT! WE REBUILT YOU!
WE...WE CAN STILL PRESERVE THEM. MAYBE--I DON'T KNOW--START A... A ROBOT MUSEUM...?
THAT'S NOT THE SAME! YOU'RE LETTING YOURSELVES GO TO WASTE!
TO NOT BE THE REAL QUICK MAN--
--NOW THAT'S A WASTE.

NO!!!
NO!!!
OFFLINE
MY POOR, SWEET BOY.
ONE OF THE HARDEST LESSONS WE HAVE TO LEARN IS WE CAN'T SAVE EVERY-ONE...


"...AND NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE SAVED."
YOU'RE LOOKING SPRY. I TAKE THIS TO MEAN YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER?
OF COURSE! A FEW ACHES AND PAINS CAN'T KEEP ME FROM CREATING!
AND I'LL BOW AND SCRAPE FOR A BIT, USING YOU FOR EVERY CENT AND SCRAP YOU'VE GOT.
AND THEN, WHEN MY ARMY IS READY, I'LL OUST YOU AND TAKE THIS WHOLE OPERATION FOR MY OWN!
EXCELLENT.
SHVORN
AH! YOUR FIRST ASSIGN-MENT BEGINS NOW.
WHAT IN THE--?!
NO! HELP! SOMEBODY HELP MEEEEEEEEE!
THERE'S NO STOPPING THINGS NOW, DR. WILY! "WORLDS UNITE" IS UPON US!
SEE WHERE DR. WILY WINDS UP STARTING WITH PART ONE IN SONIC UNIVERSE #76!
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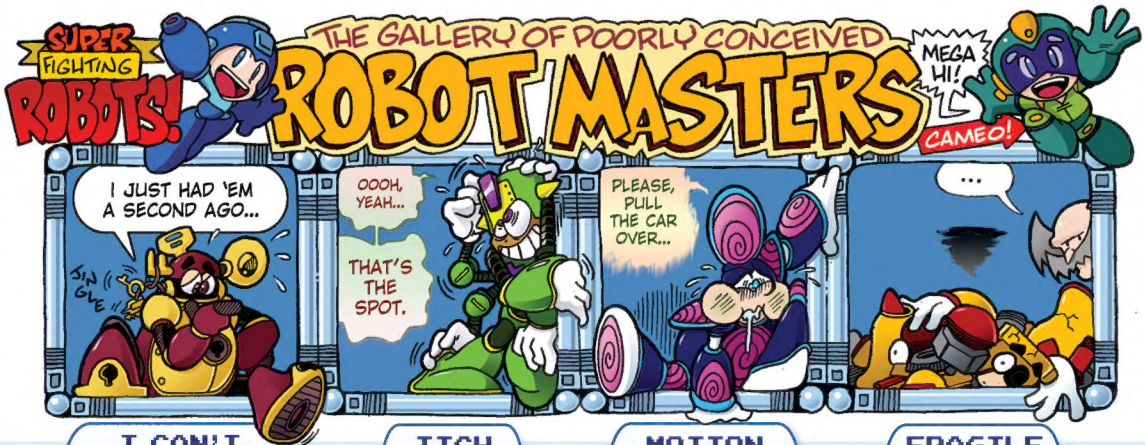

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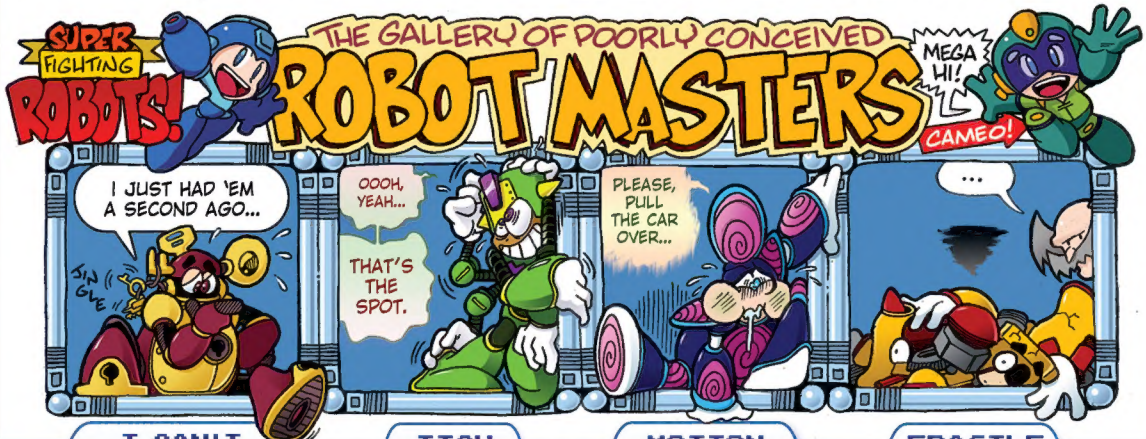

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